

What is claimed is:

1. A user interface for a programmer for a cardiac rhythm management system device, comprising:
 - a first module listing a plurality of cardiac rhythm management system device families; and
 - a plurality of second modules, each associated with one of the cardiac rhythm management system device families listed by the first module;
 - wherein the second module provides a plurality of high-level parameters associated with each of the cardiac rhythm management device families listed by the first module.
2. The user interface of claim 1, wherein the plurality of high-level parameters provided by the second module comprises at least one parameter selected from the group consisting of NBG code, x-ray identifier, connector size, polarity, defibrillator waveform, wrench, and elective replacement indicator.
3. The user interface of claim 1, wherein each second module is accessible through selection of one of the plurality of cardiac rhythm management system device families listed by the first module.
4. The user interface of claim 1, wherein interrogation/programming software associated with each cardiac rhythm management system device family is accessible by selecting a specific cardiac rhythm management system device family listed by the first module.
5. The user interface of claim 1, wherein the second module for each cardiac rhythm management system device family is accessible by selecting an information icon associated with each cardiac rhythm management system device family.

6. The user interface of claim 1, wherein the second module further lists each cardiac rhythm management system device in a given cardiac rhythm management system device family by at least model name and model number.
7. The user interface of claim 1, wherein the first module further lists each cardiac rhythm management device model name and model number for each listed cardiac rhythm management device family.
8. The user interface of claim 1, wherein the user interface is provided at startup of the programmer.
9. A user interface provided at startup of a programmer for a cardiac rhythm management system device, comprising:
 - a first module listing a plurality of cardiac rhythm management system device families; and
 - a plurality of second modules, each associated with one of the cardiac rhythm management system device families and accessible through selection of one of the cardiac rhythm management system device families listed by the first module;
 - wherein the second module for each cardiac rhythm management system device family lists each cardiac rhythm management system device in a given cardiac rhythm management system device family by at least model name and model number;
 - wherein the second module for each cardiac rhythm management system device family further lists at least one high-level parameter associated with each listed cardiac rhythm management system device selected from the group consisting of NBG code, x-ray identifier, connector size, polarity, defibrillator waveform, wrench, and elective replacement indicator; and
 - wherein interrogation/programming software associated with each cardiac rhythm management system device family is accessible by selecting a specific cardiac rhythm management system device family listed by the first module.

10. The user interface of claim 9, wherein the second module for each cardiac rhythm management system device family is accessible by selecting an information icon associated with each cardiac rhythm management system device family provided by the first module.
11. A cardiac rhythm management system, comprising:
a programmer for communicating with a cardiac rhythm management device; and
a user interface for the programmer, including:
a first module listing a plurality of cardiac rhythm management system device families; and
a plurality of second modules, each associated with one of the cardiac rhythm management system device families listed by the first module;
wherein the second module provides a plurality of high-level parameters associated with each of the cardiac rhythm management device families listed by the first module.
12. The system of claim 11, wherein the plurality of high-level parameters comprises at least one parameter selected from the group consisting of NBG code, x-ray identifier, connector size, polarity, defibrillator waveform, wrench, and elective replacement indicator.
13. The system of claim 11, wherein each second module of the user interface is accessible through selection of one of the plurality of cardiac rhythm management system device families listed by the first module.
14. The system of claim 11, wherein interrogation/programming software associated with each cardiac rhythm management system device family is accessible by selecting a specific cardiac rhythm management system device family listed by the first module.
15. A method for providing a user interface for a programmer of a cardiac rhythm management system device, the method comprising:

initializing the programmer;
displaying an initial screen listing a plurality of cardiac rhythm management system device families; and
displaying an information screen upon selection of a specific cardiac rhythm management system device family, the information screen providing a plurality of high-level parameters associated with cardiac rhythm management system devices of the specific cardiac rhythm management system device family.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the step of displaying the information screen further comprises displaying information selected from the group consisting of NBG code, x-ray identifier, connector size, polarity, defibrillator waveform, wrench, and elective replacement indicator as the plurality of parameters.

17. The method of claim 15, further comprising loading interrogation/programming software associated with a specific cardiac rhythm management system device family upon selection of the specific cardiac rhythm management system device family.